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Introduction

Decades of investigation into the genetic causes of prostate cancer (prca) and prostate cancer aggressiveness has yet to clearly identify genes or variants which explain much more than a small amount of risk for prostate cancer among a small population of men. Even less progress has been made in understanding why 30% of all patients with localized prostate cancer eventually develop recurrent, and subsequently fatal, prostate cancer, or in understanding the factors that are associated with the range of treatment response (survival time) after diagnosis and treatment for recurrent prostate cancer.

Here we propose a genetic study of the distinct subset of recurrent prostate cancer cases: those who will, in all likelihood, go on to die from their prostate cancer. We will further stratify and study these cases by their response to castration (chemical or physical) treatment, the standard of care for patients with recurrent prostate cancer. Using a unique and powerful statewide, population-based resource, we will identify and sample over 800 recurrent cases of prostate cancer. We will perform genome wide genotyping on informative cases in high-risk pedigrees, and we will apply complementary genetic analyses to identify genes and variants predisposing to recurrent prostate cancer, and variable response to treatment.

Body

Task 1. Recruitment and sampling of new and returning recurrent prostate cancer patients at HCI

We have recruited and sampled 174 recurrent prostate cancer cases attending Dr. Agarwal's clinic at HCI. A DNA sample and prostate cancer questionnaire has been collected and stored for each. The prostate cancer characteristics phenotype form is in the Appendix.

We have also identified a total of 60 high-risk prostate cancer kindreds with an excess of lethal prostate cancer and have identified an additional 192 DNA samples for these historical cases in pedigrees that we are preparing for genotyping now. (192 samples were genotyped already in Year 1)

sub task 1a. Assignment of phenotype for treatment response for recruited cases

Dr. Agarwal's fellow has begun to review charts and enter phenotypes (see the Appendix) for each case recruited in clinic. This year we will genotype these cases and perform GWAS for prostate cancer characteristics and treatment response.

Task 2. Identification of most informative samples for genotyping

We have identified 60 high-risk informative lethal prostate cancer pedigrees with at least 3 samples available for genotyping. We genotyped 192 (96 x 2) prostate cancer cases in these high-risk informative recurrent prostate cancer pedigrees last year, and are now preparing the next set of 192 for genotyping. These represent prostate cancer cases who died with prostate cancer contributing to their death who are members of high-risk prostate cancer pedigrees with a at least 3 lethal prostate cancer cases already sampled.

Task 3. Genotype 200 samples each year

We are just preparing the 192 (2 plates x 96 samples/plate) samples for genome wide genotyping for this year from the high-risk lethal/recurrent prostate cancer pedigrees discussed for Task 2. We will also genotype the 174 samples collected in Dr. Agarwal's clinic. (Since Illumina has just cut prices by ½, we will be able to genotype these additional cases). We will perform genome wide genotyping at the University of Utah Genotyping Core Facility using the Illumina 720,000 SNP Omni Express set of markers.

Task 4. Import and quality control of genotype data

We acquired genotype data for the initial 196 samples from last year. All data has undergone standard quality control and was imported into our family study database and linked to phenotype data.

Task 5. Association analysis of all genotyped samples

subtask 5.1 Selection of genotypically matched controls

Using existing software we have analyzed available iControl public data from Illumina for all Caucasians and selected an appropriate genotypically matched set of controls for Utah prostate cancer cases (see Methods in Teerlink et al., 2011).

subtask 5.2 Association Analysis

Because we have not completed genotyping of the recurrent prostate cancer cases seen in Dr. Agarwal's clinic, and because association analysis requires large sample sizes, we have not begun to analyze the data for associations. We will use existing public software that allows correction for relatedness of cases (GEMMA) when we have additional genotype data this year for the 174 recurrent prca cases seen in clinic and the 192 cases in high-risk pedigrees.

subtask 5.3 Validation

We will collaborate with the International Consortium for Prostate Cancer Genetics (ICPCG) and other consortia who are also performing association analysis for aggressive prostate cancer to perform a validation of our findings after analysis in year 2. We have two collaborators in the ICPCG who have also begun to focus on lethal prca as a subset of interest and who have begun sequencing and genotyping.

Task 6. Linkage analysis of all genotyped samples from informative pedigrees

subtask 6.1 Selection of markers for linkage

A set of 301, 646 markers with no linkage disequilibrium was selected for linkage analysis. From the intersection of SNP markers from the five Illumina genotyping platforms that we have used (550K, 610K, 1M,Omni_express (720k), and Omni_1M). We selected a set of 25,436 SNP genome wide markers for linkage with good chromosomal representation and low/no LD (Cannon-Albright et al., 2012).

This same set of markers will be used for the linkage analysis of the new 192 linkage samples being readied for genotyping now.

subtask 6.2 Linkage analysis

We performed genome-wide linkage analysis for 21 of the 27 already genotyped high risk lethal prostate cancer pedigrees in year 1. We are adding new lethal high risk pedigrees to our linkage set and additional cases have been added to informative pedigrees to explore these findings.

One pedigree has already provided significant evidence for linkage (LOD > 3.30) for the dominant mode of inheritance. This pedigree has 4 lethal prostate cancer cases and 10 additional prostate cancer cases genotyped. The segregating chromosome 11 haplotype providing linkage evidence is shown in Figure 2.

We have identified 3 additional lethal prca cases to genotype in this pedigree and they will be genotyped in the new set of 192 cases we are preparing for genotyping now.

We observed evidence for dominant linkage at a chromosome 1 locus (LOD > 3.0) for which we have previously published linkage evidence (Camp et al., 2005). We sequenced the initial pedigree with significant linkage reported previously in a collaboration with ICPCG. We have received the sequence data for the 3 cases in the chromosome 1 linked pedigree. We have identified one more sampled lethal prca case in this pedigree which will be genotyped and used for confirmation of sequence variants identified.

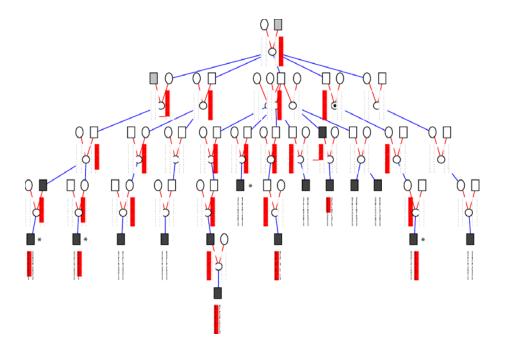


Figure 2. Prostate cancer pedigree with significant evidence for linkage to chromosome 11 (LOD = +3.56). Lethal prostate cancer cases are marked with *. Affected males are fully shaded. The red (dark) haplotype on chromosome 11 that segregates with prostate cancer is shown.

Sequence Analysis

We have completed genome wide exomic sequencing for 2 lethal prca cases in this pedigree and bioinformatic sequence analysis is underway in the specific region with evidence for linkage.

We have completed genome wide exomic sequencing of an additional 5 pairs of lethal prostate cancers who are cousins and who each have an affected first degree relative. Bioinformatic analysis is now underway.

Finally in a collaboration with International Consortium for Prostate Cancer Genetics (ICPCG), we have also had exomic sequencing performed on 121 prostate cancer cases in high risk pedigrees. Twenty two of these cases are also "lethal" prostate cancer cases whose cause of death was prostate cancer. We have just received summary files from the ICPCG and will also perform bioinformatics analysis of these lethal prostate cancer cases in search of prostate cancer predisposition genes or variants.

Bioinformatic Analysis of Sequence Variation for 12 lethal prostate cancer cases.

Each sequencing run produces an enormous number of sequence reads that must be aligned to the human genome. Aligned reads are then analyzed to determine the location of genetic variants exist in each sample. Variants are then prioritized for their potential impact on the disease. Raw sequence data was generated at Huntsman Cancer Institute on the Illumina hi-seq2 high-throughput sequence analyzer with the Illumina TruSeq target library. Individual sequence reads coming from the sequence instrument were mapped back to the human reference genome (hg 19) and Novoaligner software which uses uses pairing information from paired end reads to more accurately assign reads with multiple matches to the genome. We used The Broad Institutes's Genome Analysis Tool Kit (GATK) for variant calling of single nucleotide variants (SNVs) and small insertions or delestions (indels). We followed the Broad Institute's best practice guidelines concerning re-alignment and recalibration of aligned reads in order to produce the most reliable set of called variants. GATK software also provides a rich set of quantitative variant annotations, which it uses to estimate the probability that the called variants are true positives, thus providing an optimally derived set of SNVs and short indels. We used the Annovar software package to further annotate called variants.

After a reliable set of possible variants across all samples was derived from the above process, we used a set of filtering rules to derive a set of potential candidates for lethal prostate cancer susceptibility. Our filtering strategy was as follows: we eliminated variants with read depth less than 10 reads; that are not shared by both members of a sequenced pair; that have a high observed frequency (> 1%) in 1000 Genomes project or the NHLBI Whole Exome project. We then prioritized variants according to their predicted post translational impact. Tier 1 variants are those classified as frameshift mutations (insertions or deletions) and non-sense mutations (stop-gain SNVs or stoploss SNVs). Tier 2 variants include missense mutations that were characterized as damaging (score > 0.99) by the MutationTaster software package (Schwarz 2010). MutationTaster incorporates information from several other variant scoring freely available software packages to determine the expected potency of the mutation. All other variants passing the filtering scheme will be assigned to Tier 3, and will be considered the lowest priority variants for further investigation.

As a further refinement to our variant filtration scheme, we used evidence that a variant was inherited from a common ancestor, derived from shared genomics segment (SGS) analysis. SGS analysis, developed by the PI, essentially counts the number of contiguous SNPs that could be shared between a set (in this case a pair) of related cases of interest (Thomas et al., 2008). Long runs of SNPs indicate regions likely to be inherited from a common ancestor (identical-by-descent, or IBD). The distribution of identical-by-state (IBS) sharing also emerges from this analysis. Hence, IBD regions of the genome can be distinguished from IBS regions via SGS analysis. Simulation techniques can be employed to assess significance of findings. When sequenced cases are from the same high-risk pedigree, we can reduce our search for variants to those regions that appear IBD among cases. In this analysis, variants between a related pair (all were approximately cousins) of sequenced lethal prostate cases that occurred in a genetic segment denoted as likely to be IBD were given highest priority. Evidence for IBD sharing is consistent with our assumption that the variants we are attempting to identify convey predisposition and

should occur in multiple affected people in the pedigree. We used high-density SNP genotype data to conduct SGS analysis in the 12 lethal prostate cancer cases.

A brief summary of the Tier 1 mutations identified in the 12 sequenced lethal prostate cases that meet all of these criteria appear in Table 1. We did not see any frameshift mutations that were shared by both pedigree members in any pedigree, but we did detect 4 stop-gain mutations that met this criteria. Only the variant in GPATCH 2 appears in a genomic region identified as IBD and is our candidate of highest interest at this point of our analysis. This, and other Tier 1 and Tier 2 variants, will next be confirmed by Sanger sequencing.

<u>Table 1</u>. Stop-gain mutations passing the variant filtering scheme post bioinformatics analysis.

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Pedigree	Band	bp position	dbSNP	MAF in 1K	SGS	Gene
		(b37)	name	Genomes	segment	
					length	
3	1q41	217,604,657	NA	NA	2805	GPATCH2
5	1p36	17,034,125	rs141324796	0	26	ESPNP
6	2q34	209,302,328	rs617423329	A=0.0082	110	PTH2R
6	10q21	61,122,268	rs3078330	0	27	FAM13C

subtask 6.3 Validation

Most prostate cancer linkage studies do not use the recurrent/lethal phenotype that we use, so these findings may be difficult to validate. We will continue to review all prostate cancer linkage reports and contact appropriate groups to attempt to validate our regions of interest in high risk prostate cancer pedigrees. Two groups of collaborators in the ICPCG have told us that they are similarly focused on the subset of lethal prostate cancer cases and are moving forward with genotyping and sequencing; one of these groups has a significant GWAS hint at our chromosome 11p region in lethal prca cases.

Task 7. Publication of linkage and association manuscripts

A publication reporting the significant linkage finding on chromosome 11 is in preparation; it has proven difficult to publish linkage evidence on its own and we are hoping to supplement with some sequence analysis. We have published analysis of the UPDB showing that there is strong evidence that the subset of lethal prostate cancer cases cluster more in pedigrees than all prostate cancer cases. These results form the basis of our hypothesis that analysis of these homogeneous pedigrees will result in predisposition gene identification (Nelson et al., 2013).

Key Research Accomplishments

- Creation of a set of 60 high risk prostate cancer pedigrees with DNA samples representing an excess of the most clinically significant subset of prostate cases: those with recurrent/lethal disease
- Initial linkage analysis of less than 200 cases has already identified a new significant linkage on chromosome 11; new pedigrees have been identified and extensions to initial pedigrees. Genotyping of this new set of 192 cases will begin next month
- We have sampled 174 newly recurrent prostate cancer cases and collected detailed cancer characteristics data.

Reportable outcomes

- initial linkage manuscript is in preparation-may add sequence data
- sequence analysis of exome data for 34 lethal cases is underway

Conclusions

The first 2 years of this grant has already resulted in an informative set of DNA, high risk pedigrees, and phenotype data for a set of pedigrees representing an excess of a highly significant clinic subset of prostate cancer cases: those who will go on to die of the disease.

We have already identified significant evidence for linkage and have found collaborators and begun sequence analysis of the regions of interest and 34 lethal prostate cancer cases.

Identification of genes predisposing to recurrent/lethal prostate cancer from this study will validate this powerful approach, which can be extended to other high-risk prostate cancer pedigrees, and will identify genes and pathways that can be further examined to expand our knowledge of prostate cancer genetics.

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Appendix

Data Collection for prostate characteristics phenotype.

DOD project ID number/ MRN: Age: Race: o Caucasian =1 \circ African American =2 \circ Hispanic = 3 o Asian/Pacific Islander=4 o Southeast Asian=5 o Other=6 **Family history of Prostate Cancer**: o No=1o First degree relative =2 \circ Other =3 BMI: \circ <18.5 (underweight)=1 o 18.5-25 (healthy weight)=2 \circ 25-30(overweight)=3 o 30-34.99 (obese class 1)=4 o 35-39.99 (obese class 2)=5 o >40 (obese class 3)=6 * WHO classification of BMI **Number of comorbidities:** o None=1 \circ One=2 \circ Two=3 o Three or more= 4 **History of Smoking:** o Yes=1o No=2**Current Smoking: 2** \circ Yes=1 o No=2 **Smoking in pack years:** o 1-10=1 o 11-20=2 \circ 21-30=3 o 31=40=4 o 41-50=5

o >51=6

PSA before diagnosis of Prostate Cancer:

PSA doubling time before diagnosis of Prostate Cancer:

Primary Gleason (needle) Grade:

- 0 5=5
- o 4=4
- o 3=3
- o $2 = \frac{2}{2}$
- o 1=1

Secondary Gleason Grade (needle):

- o 5=5
- o 4=4
- \circ 3=3
- o 2=2
- o 1=1

Tertiary Gleason Grade (needle):

- o 5=5
- 04=4
- \circ 3=3
- o 2=2
- o 1=1

Clinical Stage:

- \circ T0=1
- o T1a=2
- o T1b=3
- \circ T1c=4
- \circ T2=5
- o T2a=6
- \circ T2b=7
- \circ T2c=8
- o T3=9
- o T3a = 10
- o T3b=11
- o T4=12
- \circ TX=13

Number of cores:

Actual number of cores involved:

LVI:

- o Absent=1
- \circ Present = 2

Prostate MRI prior to treatment: \circ Yes=1 \circ No=2 **MRI positive ECE**: o Positive=1 o Negative =2Pathological Stage (surgical): o pT2=1o pT2a=2o pT2b=3 \circ pT2c=4 o pT3=5o pT3a=6o pT3b=7o pT4=8Pathological Gleason score (surgical): o 5=5 04=4 \circ 3=3 \circ 2=2 o 1=1 Pathological tertiary Gleason score (surgical): 0.5 = 504=403=302=20.1 = 1**Seminal Vesicle Involvement**: o SVI Type I=1 o SVI Type II=2 o SVI Type III=3 * from Anatomic considerations in prostate carcinoma, Department of Urology, Baylor School of Medicine, 1989 **Lymph node involvement**: o NX=1 \circ NO=2 \circ N1=3 **Number of Lymph Nodes involved:** Metastatic disease present at diagnosis: o Present=1 \circ Absent=2

PSA doubling time before starting ADT: \circ <3 months= 1 \circ 3-6 months = 2 \circ 6-9 months = 3 \circ 9-12 months=4 \circ >12 months= 5 Time of initiation of androgen deprivation therapy (castration) after definitive therapy: \circ 0-6 months=1 o 6-12 month=2 \circ 12-24 months = 3 \circ 24 months = 4 **PSA** after 7 months of castration: \circ < 02=1 \circ 0.02-4=2 \circ 4-10=3 o 10=4 PSA after 1 year of castration: **Best PSA response to castration**: o 90%=1 0 > 50% = 20 > 30 % = 3 \circ No response = 4 **Best imaging response to castration**: o Stable= 1 \circ Partial= 2 \circ Complete = 3 No response=4 Time to PSA progression on castration (25% increase from nadir): \circ 0-3 months=1 \circ 3-6 months=2 \circ 6-12 months=3 o 12-18 months=4 o 18-24 months=5 > 24 month=6 Time to imaging or clinical progression on castration: \circ 0-3 months=1 \circ 3-6 months=2 \circ 6-9 months = 3 \circ 9-12months =4 o 12-18 months=5 o 18-24 months=6

 \circ > 24 month=7

Line of treatment after onset of castration refractory disease: o First line=1 o Second line=2

- o Third line= 3
- o Fourth line=4
- o Fifth line=5
- o Sixth line=6

Best PSA response to:

- \circ 90%= 1
- 0 > 50% = 2
- o >30 %=3
- \circ No response = 4

Best imaging response to:

- o Stable= 1
- \circ Partial= 2
- \circ Complete = 3
- o No response =4

Time to PSA progression on drug:

- \circ 0-3 months=1
- \circ 3-6 months=2
- \circ 6-12 months=3
- o 12-18 months=4
- o 18-24 months=5
- \circ >24 months=6

Time to imaging or clinical progression on:

- \circ 0-3 months=1
- \circ 3-6 months=2
- \circ 6-9 months = 3
- \circ 9-12months =4
- o 12-18 months=5
- o 18-24 months=6
- \circ > 24 month=7

Line of treatment after onset of castration refractory disease::

- o First line=1
- Second line=2
- o Third line= 3
- o Fourth line=4
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Concomitant RANKL inhibitor:

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Pathologic fractures:

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- \circ No=2

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- o Osteopenia=2
- o Osteoporosis=3

Overall Survival:

o # of months